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From The Editor…

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The Internet: Bad Stuff…

The internet is not ham radio…

Thank goodness! With the proliferation of ham radio related websites, we begin to think that the two are the same. Well, they're not, but that does not keep folks from blurring the lines.

I have been to a few sites and I don't like what I see/read. The web sites seem to foster arguments and back biting, overlooked by no-one.

Some of the folks out there know what I mean, for the others, all I can say is: Beware of the all too prevalent internet bad boy attitudes. If you are on a web site, remember that it really is not ham radio, and the bad attitudes and general ignorance displayed there is thankfully mostly absent on the air.

Whew! It feels good to get off the internet and get back on the air, doesn't it?

Propagation is slowly improving, but it surely taking its time to get back…

This month marks the end of the year, and elections are over. The new officers will be starting their term after the first of the year. Lets welcome them and thank the outgoing crew, OK?

One of our biggest contributors, Larry Watson, KD4VOM, is the outgoing club secretary. Larry, for those who have not yet figured it out, writes the monthly "Sparky" column. I hope that he will continue to contribute to the Loggers Bark. Larry, thanks for your yeoman service to the RCT and the "Barkie".

In addition, there have been some changes in the board. Let's thank all those who have served, and those who are going to serve. It's a mostly thankless job, working behind the scenes making sure that the RCT ship-of-state continues to sail serenely on…

73 for another month… And By-the-way…

Merry Christmas from all of us here at the **Loggers Bark!**

73 Gary WG7X

Board Meeting
4 November, 2009

The 4 November 2009 Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma. Vice President Rick Rose KE7EMW called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President: Rick Rose – KE7EMW
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Joe Lester K7AWJ
Board Member:Frank Palmer – AC7JY
Board Member: Al Burleson – K7HW
Board Member: Gary McAdams – WG7X

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 10 names on the attendance roster.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Jill K7JIL continues to suffer from the flu. Rick KE7EMW reports that Tressie Hughes KC7BAL has been diagnosed with cancer. Our thoughts go out to Alan and Tressie in this time of trouble.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM reports the usual bank statements and utility bills along with the annual election ballots coming in. *The correspondence log is attached to the original copy of these minutes.*

Minutes from the October board meeting were not ready for presentation at tonight's meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Lester K7AWJ

Joe Lester – K7AWJ reported the current checking account balance of $ 5,478.70
Joe presented his format for the Budget and Long Range Plan
Joe also reminded all of his solicitation of inputs to the annual and long range budget planning exercise.
A copy of the monthly summary financial report for October, 2009 is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reports the membership stands at 337 and he has received three additional membership applications tonight.

Hamfest: Larry KD4VOM**:** Larry reports that the Bethel Jr. High bill has been received in the amount of $ 340.00. This clears the way to complete the financial accounting for the 2009 Hamfest. After retention of the $ 500.00 Hamfest startup fund, the remaining proceeds will be transferred to the general checking account.

Larry expects a final Hamfest report will be completed and presented at the December Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Annual Financial Review: In accordance with the Bylaws, President Jill – K7JIL has appointed Bob Purdom -- AD7LJ and Jan Gilbertson – K7HTU to serve as the Audit Committee assigned to review of the Club's financial records for the calendar year ending December 31, 2009.

Crawford Mountain Repeater: Status: Open

The discussion of the announced DNR changes in communications site leasing which affect our Crawford Mountain 147.38 repeater continued. Nick K7MO has been informed and is trying to determine when our current lease expires and whether it is extendable. The sense of the discussion was that the repeater operation at Crawford Mountain will become untenable should the new commercial manager of the site decide to charge amateur radio operators the same rate as commercial users. Pat – WT7N advises that a copy of the contract should be in the club's safe deposit box. Larry – KD4VOM said he'd check that.

Club Bylaws review and amendment: Status: Pending

This action awaits a decision by President Jill – K7JIL on appointing an ad-hoc committee, or tasking the Planning Committee to manage the review and amendment proposals.

Salmon Run: Status: Pending

Salmon run pledges continue to come in. A small mailing to remind folks of their pledges has been mailed. By most accounts this year's Salmon Run was again a success, both from the operations and contacts perspective, and from funds raised to support Club operations.

Salmon Run projects:

Furnace Repair: The Club furnace repair has been completed.

Furnace Duct Insulation: The Fumace Duct Insulation project managed by Frank – AC7JY continues to seek acceptable bids.

Alarm System Replacement: Rick KE7EMW reports he hopes to begin acquiring the bill of materials before the next Board Meeting. He

has acquired a horn/siren and with Bruce – WE7P's assistance plans to determine if the current system can operate with the replacement horn.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Status – Ongoing

Al Ferguson – N7OMS and the team have made remarkable progress in several facility maintenance and upgrade projects. They have replaced the rotting porch flower boxes with a new railing, repairing and repainting the window frames, installing inside windows new molding and sills, installing Venetian blinds to replace the tattered curtains, cleaned up weeds around the house and garage, and cleared away ground around the garage.

Proposed Projects: Al – N7OMS and the team proposed several new projects:

Front Porch improvements:

The team proposes to install new lighting on the porch and at the top of the front stairway, paint the leading edges of the steps and remove the boxwood shrubs on both sides of the front steps. They estimate the materials expense for this project to be $ 100.00

Yard Lighting:

Here the team proposes to install a new fixture and associated conduit service to the lamp post on the West side of the Clubhouse; Install a new lighting fixture on the post South of the garage; and perhaps repair or replace the motion sensor light on the East side of the Clubhouse building. They estimate the materials expense for this project at $ 150.00

Interior Lighting Upgrades:

The team proposes to install overhead can lighting in the Library area and possibly the Museum area. They estimate the tools and materials cost for this project to be $ 200.00

Following the discussion of these projects, and Frank –AC7JY's recommendation that they look at a soft area on the back door ramp;

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the expenditure of up to $ 700.00 in support of these projects.

Equipment Loan Policy: Status – Pending

The Board previously approved a procedure, pending completion of the club's Property Management SOP to establish a list of knowledgeable members to assist or train other members in the use of the analyzer and to require a promissory note prior to any loan to cover any damage to the analyzer.

Establishing the list is pending.

Tube Inventory: Status – Pending

A large number of the club's tube inventory has been completed, and nearly 30 boxes are stored in the lockup pending a decision their disposition.

Tube Selection Team: Status – Open

The Board has approved establishment of a "Selection Team" to coordinate the list of tubes to determine which should be retained for current or future club use, and which can be turned over to the IRT Team for auction to raise funds for the Club. Gary – WG7X has been appointed to chair this team.

Property Management: Status – Pending

The Planning Team has been working on a Club Property Management SOP for some time. A partial inventory of club property has been ongoing for over a year.

Our current equipment insurance coverage is likely inadequate and does not compare to the partial inventory already completed.

Progress has been hampered by disagreement over the structure and detail of the Property Management SOP among the various club functions responsible for equipment property, and the difficulty to get volunteers together to complete the inventory, determine the club's need for the equipment, and create a list of equipment deemed excess to club current or future needs for Board approval to dispose of.

Al – N7OMS presented an LCR Bridge Model 740 which was discovered in the eaves. Although old, it works, and the Museum has no current or future use for it and Gary WG7X found no current or future use in club operations.

Al recommended it be turned over to the IRT for auction.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to turn the LCR Bridge over to the IRT for auction.

W7BUN Estate:: Status – Open

W7BUN's Estate Technical Manuals Collection has been picked up and currently stored at KD4VOM's QTH.

Frank – AC7JY reported on a conversation he had with Jerry's son who raised the question of when the Club might recover other Club prop-

erty which remains at Jerry's place – in particular a Gin Pole and climbing gear. Larry KD4VOM agreed to contact Margaret to arrange to pick up any club property remaining at Jerry's.

NEW BUSINESS

Tuesday Night 2 Meter Net:

Rick – KE7EMW reports the appointment of Gary – WG7X as assistant Tuesday Night 2 Meter Net Controller to work with Bud – K7BUD. Gary – WG7X indicates that Bob W7EXC and Harry -- W7HSA will be joining the Net Control Team.

Saturday Open House Manager:

Rick – KE7EMW reports the appointment by President Jill -- K7JIL of Frank – AC7JY as manager of the Club's Open House Duty Officer Program. Frank – AC7JY indicates that he hopes to enlist qualified members to commit to regular Saturday duties. He asked that Bruce Hanson – WE7P be granted Clubhouse access to perform Open House Duty Officer responsibilities.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to grant Clubhouse access to Bruce Hanson – WE7P.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Communications Operations:

2 Meter Repeater relocation: Status – Pending

Rick – KE7EMW reports that Nick K7MO has located a source for the needed connectors and ordered them. Nick plans to get the team together when they arrive to finish the move to the main floor equipment rack.

W7DK @ the Fair: It was noted that the W7DK Fair equipment is currently stored in the clubhouse for lack of available space.

Dr. Murphy's 2 Meter Repeater Offer: Speaker/Call

There was a discussion of Dr. Murphy's offer to donate his 2 Meter Repeater to the club.

During the discussion the issues of Dr. Murphy's intentions, the legalities of transferring the repeater, the frequency allocation, and whether the current location of the repeater and antenna could be retained or whether they might have to be moved were addressed. The Board decided these questions should be explored and any decision based on the results of this research.

This topic together with the 2 Meter Repeater relocation process resulted in a wide ranging discussion of the Club's repeater planning, configuration, operations; and maintenance to include the recent changes affecting our Crawford Mountain repeater and the lack of an organized club Repeater Committee.

The Board recommended that all provide the names of club members with the necessary experience and qualifications to serve on a Repeater Committee to President Jill – K7JIL, and that the President convene a meeting of interested parties to develop the duties and responsibilities of, and re-establish the Club's Repeater Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pierce County DEM Volunteer request: Larry KD4VOM reports that the Pierce County DEM is expecting to ask for help fielding H1N1 virus telephone calls. While not yet firm, volunteers would be needed to answer calls concerning the H1N1 virus.

Open House Duty Officer: President Jill K7JIL announced the appointment of Frank AC7JY to manage the Club's Saturday Open House operations. Frank – AC7JY announced that Bruce – WE7P has agreed to take on the first Saturday in the Month, while Gary WG7X has signed up for the third Saturdays. Generally, Al – K7HW and Larry KD4VOM will try to fill the Last Saturday of the month. Frank is searching for someone to take on the second Saturday on a routine basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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General Meeting
11 November 2009

The 11 November Annual Membership meeting was held at the Pacific Lutheran University "University Center Building" Room 133.

President Jill Palmer – K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Jill Palmer K7JIL
Vice President:Rick Rose – KE7EMW
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Joe Lester K7AWJ
Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY
Board Member: Harry Adams – W7HSA

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 44 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by President Jill – K7JIL

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed and guests welcomed. Si Nelsen KA7AQT was congratulated on his recent upgrade to Extra Class.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Jill K7JIL noted that Tressie Hughes, K7BAL has been diagnosed with cancer. Alan, K7SVU needs our support in this difficult time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence & Calendar: Larry reports the usual bank statements and utility bills, along with election ballots and Salmon Run pledges are coming in. *A copy of the correspondence log is attached to the original copy of these minutes.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Lester K7AWJ

Financial information was available on request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reports the membership count stands at 338

VE Testing Report: Larry – KD4VOM read the VE report as John – AC7WW and the Election Committee counted ballots:

Twelve candidates and eleven Volunteer Examiners were present at the clubhouse of the Radio Club of Tacoma on Tuesday evening November 10th 2009. Fifteen elements were graded with fourteen being passed.

Eight new Technician class operators joined the ranks of the Amateur Service. Two candidates passed both element two and three to become General class. And one candidate upgraded to Extra.

Thanks to the following VE's for their time and effort.

Harry, W7HSA	Linda, AB7YL
Steve, AD7Vl	Al, K7HW
Al, AC7BU	Jim, N7RHX
Joe, K7AWJ	Steve, AD7AB
Mike, AD7TH	Bill, AD7QI

The next scheduled testing session will be Tuesday, December 8th.

PROGRAM: Ken, K7ELF opened an Eyeball QSO as the Election Committee counted the ballots…T

Eyeball QSO – Ham Memories and experiences…

Topics ranged from recent contacts on the 17 Meter Band (Which Rich -- KR7W terms the "Surprise Band") to personal career recollections and what influenced folks to get into Ham Radio. Some related their military career associations as radio operators, maintenance technicians, while others offered humorous stories of their experiences. Peter – AD7EU related a story of his work at a Tacoma Ethnic Fest where he was promoting the Club and getting little responses to his 2 meter calls. He took an electric blanket he had and put it on the ground under the radio antenna, and viola! Contacts.

Worth – W7WG related the homebrew tuner he cobbled together using a coil, clip contacts, a capacitor and magnet wire to re-establish contact with friends in Japan. These and others too numerous to mention made for an entertaining and educational meeting.

ANNUAL ELECTION: The Election Committee; John Clarke AC7WW, Lynn Neece K7OKS, and Charles Smith KD7UAN retired to another room and counted the ballots. John noted that 172 of the 308 ballots mailed were returned for over a 50% rate, best we've seen in recent years.

After the tally, John AC7WW announced the results;

For Vice President: Rick Rose KE7EMW was elected

For Secretary: Ken Gibson N7ELF was elected

For Board Member at Large: Frank Palmer – AC7JY was re-elected

For Board Member at Large: Alan Lentz – W7AML was elected

There was a tie for the final Board Member at Large between Steve Blacksten – AD7VL and Si Nelsen – KA7AQT.

As a result of the tie, in accordance with the Radio Club of Tacoma Bylaws, a written ballot by voting members present was conducted to resolve the tie.

The final ballot elected Si Nelsen – KA7AQT to fill the third Board Member at Large position.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Annual Awards Banquet: Rick KE7EMW reports that the usual site for our Annual Awards Banquet (TACID) is already booked and not available. He is checking into the Lakewood community center where we were a couple of years ago. Rick polled the members present and the 5 December date seemed the popular choice. Rick has two Turkeys promised, but still needs a Ham, and reminded all to bring food "ready to serve" we won't have time to slice and cut. Plans call for the Banquet to set up at 5:30, start serving at 6pm and the annual recognition program and prize announcements will follow after dinner.

Jill – K7JIL thanked Doug AD7AV for arranging for use of the PLU classroom

World Diabetes Day: Peter – AD7EU noted that this Saturday is World Diabetes Awareness Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Club Parliamentarian: Jill – K7JIL announced she is looking for candidates willing to fill the Club Parliamentarian Position beginning January 1, 2010. If interested, contact Jill.

Open House: Jill – K7JIL announced the recent appointment of Frank – AC7JY to manage the Club's Open House/Duty Officer Program.

Doc Spike Inspirational Award: Al Lentz – W7AML reminded all to submit their nominations for the Doc Spike Inspirational Award.

ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes: Jill – K7JIL reminded all that Gary – WG7X is firing up the Clubhouse HF Room the weekend of 19/20 December to participate in the annual ARRL Phone Sweepstakes contest. Come on down and observe, or jump in and make a few contacts as we attempt to make contacts with all 80 ARRL Grid Squares.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm

VE REPORT John AC7WW

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Mike, AD7TH
Bill, AD7QI

The next scheduled testing session will be Tuesday, December 8th.

General Meeting
25 November 2009

The 25 November 2009 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . Vice President Rick Rose – KE7EMW called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President: Rick Rose – KE7EMW
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Joe Lester K7AWJ
Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Rick – KE7EMW

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed and guests welcomed. Peter AD7EU introduced his mother, Joe; and Al Churchill AC7BU announced his upcoming wedding to Shirley in January.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: None reported

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reports the usual utility bills and bank statements along with a couple of Club insurance policy renewal notices. There were also several Salmon Run Pledges as well as a couple of tardy election ballots.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Lester K7AWJ

Financial information available on request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reports the current membership count at 340 with an additional application pending.

Salmon Run: In Harry – W7HSA's absence Rick -- KE7EMW reports that the Club managed contacts with 35 counties, and although all the pledge returns have not been counted, so far we have raised $ 3,797.57.

Awards Banquet: Rick -- KE7EMW reminded the membership that our Annual Christmas Awards Banquet is coming up on 5 December at the Lakewood Community Center. Rick was still in need of a Ham, and Glen Galoti KA7BOJ volunteered to bring one ready to serve. Frank AC7JY, together with Rick KE7EMW reviewed the end of year raffle prize rules; For the Grand Prize, you must be a member, but do not have to be present to win. Frank also noted that this year members will have one last chance to purchase raffle tickets at the Banquet.

Doc Spike Inspirational Award: Al W7AML announced the deadline for nominations for the Doc Spike Inspirational Award must be received by tomorrow as the selection team meets the next day. E-mail nominations are fine.

PROGRAM: Ken – N7ELF Introduced Peter – AD7EU who presented a comprehensive review of his recent travels to Great Britain, France and Austria where he visited several Amateur Radio Clubs and other Ham facilities. Peter's trip included visits with:

Association des Radioamateurs de Paris
ARP Radio-Club de Paris
http://arp75.free.fr/PortailARP/index.phpc

Southgate ARC
http://www.southgatearc.org/

Duxford Radio Society
Imperial War Museum, Duxford, England
Radio Station GB2IWM
http://www.duxfordradiosociety.org/radiostation/radiostation.html

HMS Belfast radio room
http://www.gb2rn.org.uk/

United Nations Vienna International Center
http://www.qsl.net/4u1vic/

and the

Austrian Amateur Radio Society
Vienna Amateur Radio
http://www.amateurfunk-wien.at

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tacoma Rescue Mission Donation: Charlie Givens announced that he has given 200 Thanksgiving turkeys to the Tacoma Rescue Mission in the name of the Radio Club of Tacoma - Thanks for that generous donation Chuck.

ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes: Al N7OMS reminded all that we had a great contest experience last Saturday and Sunday as the intrepid team at the mighty W7DK managed all but one of the 80 ARRL Section Contacts, logging nearly 700 contacts. The only section that eluded the crack operating team was skittish Delaware… Well done, and look for more in the BARK. Thanks to Gary WG7X, Pat WT7N, Rich KR7W, Peter AD7EU, and others who heated up the spectrum in search of fun and score…

Broadband Radar: Si – KA7AQT reported on a new type of radar now entering use with boaters such as the Tacoma Power Squadron, Broadband Radar; which does not rely on a sweeping pulse signal, but rather sends an FM continuous CW signal,

Needs a Ride: Frank AC7JY had a recent contact with an elderly member who is unable to make any of our meetings. He must use a walker, can no longer drive and his wife cannot drive at night. He lives in the Point Defiance area and would appreciate an occasional ride to some club meetings, even the 5 December Annual Christmas Banquet.

If someone can help, contact Frank – AC7JY

Wooden Key Challenge: Mike –W7GHW was asked to construct a wooden key to be used at this year's **Straight Key Night** on New Year's Eve at the clubhouse. Mike decided to challenge any or all who wish to join the challenge and construct wooden keys for this year's SKN.

Radio Active RV Outing: Steve AD7VL announced next year's RV/Camping outing is scheduled for April 30 – May 1 at the American Sunset RV Park in Westport. For two days, the cost is $ 63.00. Its not too early to plan your trip. If you aren't an RV'er or Camper, the park has cabins as well. We'll need volunteers to help cook and make coffee among other things.

TUNING AND TRAFFIC:

CQ World Wide CW Contest…: : Lynn K7OKS reminded all that the CQ World Wide CW--CW, is coming up this weekend Nov 28, 0000Z to Nov 29, 2400Z. Bands (MHz): 1.8-28. Exchange: RST and CQ zone.

DOOR PRIZES: Ken Gibson N7ELF won the inspection mirror, and Leonard – KA7NWF a small microphone battery.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM

New Feature!!

… Or possibly an old feature, resurrected…

We here at your local Loggers Bark are trying to re-start an old newsletter tradition; that being a list of those folks who have checked-in to the Tuesday night net on the club's 147.280 repeater.

We are still in the process of sorting all this out, so please be patient, but we will be tabulating a list of all the folks who have checked-in to the net over the previous month.
If your call appears on the list with no number beside it, that will indicate that you checked in once, and if there is a number, that will indicate the total number of times that you have checked-in.

Simple, yes?

So for right now, be patient if your call did not appear and you did check in, we'll try to get your name on there. In the beginning, we still have been having a bit of a problem getting all the information to the "Barkie Staff"

Hang in there, and all will be resolved!

AC7JY	KD4VOM	KC7LDE
AC7WW 2	KD7CTR	KF7EDG
AD7AB	KD7ZBM	KF7EKL
AD7AV	KE7EMV	KF7FEB 2
AD7BK	KE7EMW 2	KF7FEL
AD7EU	KE7EWH 4	KK7QW
AD7FF	KE7JFV	KR7W
AD7LJ 2	KE7LDC	N7ELF
AD7QI	KE7LDE 3	N7JAJ 3
K5EAF 2	KE7LVU	N7QOZ
K7DBU 2	KE7ROF	N7YFE 3
K7JIL	KE7TEV	W7CBY
K7KHJ	KE7YVG	W7EC
K7VWA 2	KE7ZXM	W7EXC 2
KA7IOX 2	KF7BAO	W7HSA 2
KB7QAG 2	KF7EDG	W7WG
KB7WFV		WG7X 3

Dateline: December 2009

Sparky's "View from the Shack"

This and that around the club, and more…

Sparky's *welcomes comments, ideas and letters to "The RCT View", but reserves the right to procrastinate, and generally ignore social engineering or cranky inputs. Editorial philosophy — While there occasionally may be reason and rhyme as we go along, the goal is to ramble through the many and varied activities of the Club and its members as we take another trip around the sun.*

Sparky's Back…

November and December are the months we traditionally look back, and give thanks for all our blessings.

Sparky decided this issue would be a great time to thank all of the literally hundreds of members that make The Radio Club of Tacoma possible. I suspect that many of our over three hundred members really don't have a good grasp on how much time, talent and effort so many give to the Club — They make magic happen through Amateur Radio every year…

The W7DK/W7OS/Radio Club of Tacoma Volunteer Story

First, our Outgoing Elected Officers who served for the past two years, making the effort to direct our ship of state…

Vice President—Rick Rose KE7EMW

Secretary — Larry Watson KD4VOM

Board Director — Al Burleson K7HW

Board Director — Frank Palmer AC7JY

Board Director — Gary Kohtala K7EK

Open House

These and others have kept our doors open on Saturdays from 10 to 2 to provide our members with access to club facilities, share information , have coffee, donuts and sometimes hot dogs and chili, while making sure that visitors are welcomed and offered membership

Larry Watson KD4VOM, Al Burleson K7HW, Gary Kohtala, K7EK, Joe Lester K7AWJ, Ken Gibson N7ELF, Bruce Hanson W7EP, Harry Adams W7HSA, Gary McAdams WG7X, Jill Palmer K7JIL, Frank Palmer AC7JY, and Roddney Saucedo WV7O,

Mothers Day Breakfast—Bob AD7LJ

For many years the Club has honored the ladies with an annual Mother's Day Breakfast. This year he honors were done by Frank Palmer AC7JY, and Bob Purdom AD7LJ. Thanks to those who bring the good food.

Meeting Reception & Door Prizes — Frank AC7JY—Jill K7JIL

The Club welcomes members and visitors at its twice monthly membership meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Pierce County Library Administration Building at the corner of Waller Road and 112th Street.

Frank Palmer AC7JY has routinely handled the reception and has kept our regular meeting door prizes interesting and popular. Thanks too to Leonard KA7NWF for his assistance with setup, door prizes and raffles.

President Jill — K7JIL is our faithful **Sunshine** person, it is her hand that extends our condolences or cheer.

W7OS Antique Radio Museum — Rich Patrick — KR7W

The Radio Club of Tacoma preserves Amateur Radio and its own history through it's Antique Radio Museum holdings. Rich Patrick KR7W is Museum Curator and with the help of folks like Chuck Kemmer AC7QN, Al Ferguson N7OMS, Worth Gurley W7WG, Morel Guyot W7LIX and others have kept our legacy alive and available for all to enjoy.

The RCT Technical Library—Doug Oakman AD7AV

In addition to its historical collection of antique amateur radio gear, the Club maintains a first class amateur radio technical library, ably managed by Librarian Doug AD7AV. Doug and his team; Al Ferguson N7OMS, Pat Wingerter WT7N, Gary McAdams WG7X have managed to identify , label and create a complete searchable database of our holdings, many of which go back to the very beginnings of the Club. Doug is constantly evaluating current and future holdings and each year adds to our collection. The team has also established a lending library for the membership.

W7DK At the Beach — Larry Watson KD4VOM and XYL Janice

Every year the Club hosts the Jim Kirkreit (K7YLM SK)W7DK@ the

Beach Picnic in memory of his tradition of never letting an opportunity to have a fun outing go by.

In recent years Larry KD4VOM and XYL Janice have managed the picnic. Like all successful Club activities many hands turn work into fun. Here's the list of this years "Picnic Hands"

Steve Blacksten – AD7VL, Bill Wright – AD7QI, Al Churchill – AC7BU, Bruce Hanson – WE7P, Rick Van Every N7YFE, Rich Patrick KR7W – Chuck Kemmer AC7QN ARDF Fox hunt and Roger Holme – KE7EMV

Not to be forgotten are all those who prepare and deliver great pot-luck dishes for all to enjoy.

Field Day, A Bootstrap Effort...

Field Day is one of the Radio Club of Tacoma's traditional activities. A National Event, sponsored by the AARL on the last full weekend in June, tests Amateurs, both individuals and clubs abilities to operate in the field without benefit of commercial power. We not only get the opportunity to hone our field skills, but also engage in a healthy competition against other groups and organizations in our class and category. From Antennas to the Logger's Breakfast we load up, setup, operate, eat, and invite the public to drop in and get a glimpse of what Amateur Radio is all about.

This year, our Field Day leader became ill and several regulars explored other venues, the club remained true to our tradition; and snatched victory from the jaws of defeat.

This year's RCT Field Day was held at the Washington State Hospital in Steilacoom. A large area with large trees and easy access for the public.

Here then are most of the players that participated in and whose volunteered time and talent made this year's Field Day memorable…

Adams Harry W7HSA, Blacksten Steve AD7VL, Bond Ollie AD7CC, Bosnyak, Robert AD7WU, Burleson Al K7HW Burstiner Leonard KA7NWF, Churchill Al AC7BU, Clarke John AC7WW ,Gilbertson Jan K7HTU, Elwell Mike W7GHW, Hatlestad Don K7OG, Haverluk Ian KE7TEV, Hicks Casey WY7V, Leatham Jay

K7DKY, Lentz Al W7AML, Lightner George KD7QBE, McFadden Gary K7UPG, Morrison Dale AD7SQ, Morton Steve AD7AB, Perrussel Bruce WB7TVS, Purdom Bob AD7LJ, Rose Rick KE7EMW, Rose Gilead KE7IGV, Sim Diane W7SIM, Smith Charles KA7UAN, Terwilliger Christina KE7YVG, Watson Larry KD4VOM, Watson Janice XYL, Worth Gurley W7WG, Wright Bill AD7QI, Maureen SO

Hamfest 2009 Rick KE7EMW; Larry KD4VOM; Al K7HW

This year the Hamfest was taken on by the Club's Planning team in order to gain first hand experience and to create a Club Hamfest Handbook to serve future Hamfest Managers in the planning and execution of this valuable club program. As previous Hamfest managers know, Planning and delivering a successful Hamfest is a year long process with a lot of attention to detail.

Here then, are those who made this year's Hamfest possible:
Harry Adams - W7HSA, Peter Baker - AD7EU, Steve Blacksten - AD7VL, Ollie Bond - AD7CC, Al Burleson - K7HW, Al Churchill - AC7BU, Connie Clarke, John Clarke - AC7WW, Wil Cunnyngham - KD7GEF, Pete David - KK7QW, Al Ferguson - N7OMS, Ken Gibson - N7ELF, Griff Griffin - KE7KZD, Worth Gurley - W7WG, Jon Hamilton - AD7AW, Bruce Hanson - WE7P, Jack Hegseth - K7DBU, Bob Heselberg - K7MXE, Karl Johnson - K7KHJ, Maury Kurtz – W7OT, Paul LeBlanc - K7AXJ, Rob Lee - K7TGU, Bill Lucas - KB7IHB, Rich Manson - N7ANF, Steven Mayes - WE7T, Gary McAdams - WG7X, Dale Morrison - AD7SQ, Stephen Morton - AD7AB, Stan Nelson - K7DKK, Rich Patrick - KR7W, Bob Purdom - AD7LJ, Gilead Rose - KE7IGV, Rick Rose - KE7EMW, Rob Stewart - WB7QCS, Jim Swanson - WA7JIM, Lyn Swanson - WB7LYN, Rich Verner - KF7DWC, Emily Watson – KE7QXC, Larry Watson - KD4VOM, Pat Wingerter - WT7N, Harry Wong - N7DOE, Bill Wright - AD7QI,

W7DK at the Fair Pat WT7N

Pat WT7N has headed up our public presence at the Western Washington State Fair at Puyallup every September for several years. This event provides the opportunity to promote Amateur Radio and our Club to the thousands of fair visitors every year. Pat's vision and design for our attractive booth at the fair has been outstanding. The Radio Club of Tacoma has been able to reach hundreds of potential amateur radio enthusiasts over the years. We also pick up donations and encourage the younger generation to explore amateur radio. This year there were over 50 'Shifts" and over 50 Hams and XYL's helped staff our booth for the fairs three week run.

Here's Pat's list of those who "stood a watch". Many of whom served several shifts

and some up to seven shifts.

A special thanks to Rich, KR7W, and Chuck, AC7QN, for setting up the antennas and radios for the radio club's display at the WWA Fair booth this year. Also, a big thank you to John, AC7WW, Chuck, AC7QN, Marv, KC7JKA, Harry, N7DOE, and David, AD7BK, for working the emergency fill in shifts. It takes many people to cover the shifts and I am extremely appreciative to all of you: Bob-N7NCP and his wife Greta, John-AC7WW and his wife Connie, Don-K7OG, Bruce-WE7P, Stephen-AD7AB, Jeanne-KD7ZBM, Richard-KD6FEA, Carrie-KD7GUK, Chris-KE7LDE,

Marv-KC7JKA, Frank-AC7JY, Jill-K7JIL, Roger-KE7EMV, Steve-AD7VL, Joe-K7AWJ, Bill-AD7QI, Al-AC7BU, Al-N7OMS, Bob-W7SKI,

Phil-W7PFZ, Worth-W7WG, Steve-W7QLO, Tom-N7QHX, Shirley-N7QHW, Harry-W7HSA, Chris-KB7NMU, Tom-KE7LDC, Harry-N7DOE,

Bob-WB7QCS, Leonard-KA7NWF, Hal-W7EC, Jay-KD7DKY, David-AD7BK, Dennis-KA7IIV, Si-KA7AQT, Chuck-AC7QN, Diane-W7SIM,

Reidar-NS7SN, Eivor-KD7SXS, Ken-N7ELF, Paul-K7AXJ, Alan-W7AML, Bob-KE7ECQ, Susan-KE7SPS, Jon-AD7AW, Gary-K7UPG,

Nick-K7MO, Chris-W7YX, James-WA7JN, Ed-KC7OKS, and Gwen-KD7NES

The Logger's BARK Gary McAdams WG7X

Not all of our over 300 members can make it to the meetings or Open Houses. The Club publishes an official Monthly Newsletter to insure that the membership can stay informed of club activities and Board actions.

The BARK is rich with club activities photos, and articles of interest to a wide cross section of the membership. It lets those who cannot attend regularly keep up with club activities.

It is the daunting task of Gary to edit, format and publish the Logger's BARK, and he does that well...

W7DK Web Site — Rich Patrick KR7W

Keeping up with modern technology is a trait of most amateur radio operations, including ours. Rich KR7W performs yeoman service as our Club's Webmaster, keeping the on line membership informed and entertained as well. In our fast moving world, keeping up is somewhat of a challenge, and Rich helps us do that so very well.

Salmon Run — Harry Adams W7HSA

Harry Adams W7HSA managed this years successful Salmon Run project with the able and dedicated assistance of Gary McAdams WG7X, , Al Ferguson N7OMS, Rick Rose KE7EMW, and Rich Patrick KR7W Jan Gilbertson K7HTU, Al Churchill AC7BU, and Bruce Hanson WE7P helped stuff and label the bulk mail envelopes.

The Salmon Run is a Washington State DX Club Annual QSO contest and the Club raises funds by competing to contact as many of the 39 Washington State Counties as we can. This year the mighty W7DK reached 35 Counties

The real stars are the members who pledged a per county or designated amount to support Club operations. Over one hundred pledged to the Salmon run, and to date we have received over four thousand dollars thanks to:

W7HSA, KE7FKX, K7VWA, W7HTJ, KE7TEX, N7UH, W7FJB, AD7VL, AD7CC, AD7WU, KE7BZD, W7GEN, K7HW, KA7NWF, W7JC, AC7BU, KD7UKQ, AC7WW, N7XRJ, WB7AUJ, KC7FF, AD7VU, KE7CMF, W7GHW, N7OMS, KE7RTC, KE7LDC, W7PFZ, KA7FXQ, K7HTU, KF7BAO, KF7DGH, W7WG, AD7AW, KA7WGE, WE7P, KE7VWI, K7OG, KK7VH, K7DBU, K7MXE, N7NCP, WY7V, K7DCN, KE7QWW, KE7WPK, W7YX, K7TDJ, AB7WJ, AC7QN, W7OT, KE7GB, W7LKG, K7AXJ, W7AML, K7AWJ, KD7QBE, KD7GUD, KD7UAQ, WB5K, WA7LON, WG7X, K7UPG, KC7VEP, AD7SQ, AD7AB, N7QHW, N7QHX, WB4SPB, N0EYK, K8RN, KE7BZA, K7OKS, KA7AQT, AD7AV, KE7ZXY, W7UYL, AC7JY, K7JIL, KD7YDL, KE7BBZ, W7KFN, AD7LJ, W7EBF, KA7WGG, K7GGR, W7IJ, KE7EMW,

KF7DGK, KA7GAP, WB7WUX, KE7ZYD, KE7SPS, W7SIM, KD7UAN, KD7RKX, KA7HJN, W7EC, WB7QCS, WQ7P, WA7JIM, WA7ANJ, KE7NXM, KE7ECQ, KD7WLR, KE7QXC, KD4VOM, W9BYH, K7PUC, K7MO, WZ7M

RCT Technician Program — Steve Morton AD7AB

As usual, this year's RCT Technician program was very active. Not only did Steve — AD7AB provide four two-day weekend courses at the Clubhouse, but also conducted several larger classes including some at he Pierce County Emergency Operations Center. With a veteran staff of instructors ….

Steve's Crew provided Technician Training to 71 students over this year.

Oakman Doug AD7AV, Adams Harry W7HSA, Morrison Dale AD7SQ, Robinson Michael AD7TH

RCT Extra Class Program — Harry Adams W7HSA

This year Harry stepped up to the demand for an Extra Class License program and put one together.

The Volunteer Examiner Program — John Clarke AC7WW

Under ARRL auspices, John Clarke AC7WW manages an outstanding FCC License examination program. Over the past year, he and his team have administered 337 exam elements to 205 candidates in 19 testing sessions. 131 Technicians; 39 General and 17 Extra class licenses were earned.

Here are the team of Volunteer Examiners that made that happen:

Adams Harry W7HSA, Adams Linda AB7YL, Baldasari Joe W7RQ, Blacksten Steve AD7VL, Burleson Al K7HW, Churchill Al AC7BU, Hamilton John AD7AW, Heasty Rich KK7VH, Hicks Casey WY7V ,Jonez Bill AB7WJ, Larsen Robert KE7GB, Lawrence JIM N7RHX, Lester Joseph Jr. K7AWJ, Morton Stephen AD7AB, Palmer Frank AC7JY, Palmer Jill K7JIL, Patrick Rich KR7W, Purdom Robert AD7LJ, Robinson Mike AD7TH, Saucedo Roddney WV7O, Schattilly David AD7BK, Svensson Roland WQ7P, Terwilliger Roger WA7ANJ, Wright William AD7QI

Two Meter Net—Bud Mitze K7BUD

Almost every Tuesday evening at 7:30 the Radio Club of Tacoma hosts a 2 meter Net on the 147.28 repeater. Operations are under the direction of the Senior Net Controller Bud Mitze K7BUD. It's another way the club and its members can share information. Here' the current list of the 2 meter Net Control Team:

Bud Mitze — K7BUD, Gary McAdams—WG7X, Scott Peterson KA7IOX, Rick Rose — KE7EMW, Harry Adams — W7HSA, Peter Baker — AD7EU

Bob Patrick W7EXC

10 Meter Net—Lynn Neese K7OKS

You can find the 10 Meter regulars on their net which meets under the control of Lynn — K7OKS Sunday evening at 8 pm on 28.375 MHZ

Nominating Committee

Tom Gayle KE7LDC, Lynn Neece K7OKS, Mike Elwell W7GHW

Election Committee

John Clarke AC7WW, Mike Elwell W7GHW, Lynn Neece K7OKS, Charles Smith KD7UAN

Steve Blacksten AD7VL

Steve set up the first "Radio Active" RV/Camping outing last April, worked Field Day setup/antenna launching, Headed up the RCT Station at the Washington State WASHJAM where 300 Boy Scouts earned their "Radio" Merit Badges. He worked the Country Store at Hamfest.

Al Burleson K7HW

Al served this year as Club Parliamentarian, Volunteer Examiner, Hamfest, Open House and club memory...Al arranged for the repair of our Clubhouse furnace at a fraction of the cost estimates we had received.

Al Churchill AC7BU

Al picked up most of the Clubhouse lawn care duties, was instrumental in our property inventory project, served as a Volunteer Examiner and much more. Al, along with Bill AD7QI have recently picked up the meeting coffee and snacks duties.

Al Ferguson N7OMS

Al's leadership and selfless energy continues to benefit the Club in so many ways. He put together the Spring Cleanup Team, worked on several Library Projects, Headed up the sorting and inventory of the Club's extensive tube collection, Organized the fall Clubhouse maintenance and repair team which replaced rotting flower boxes with a new front porch railing, cleaned and painted all of the exterior window frames and trim, removed all the debris from the yard as well as the weeds and vines. Clubhouse drapes were replaced with new Venetian blinds. Al promoted the Salmon Run and pledge drive, Headed up the Hamfest Country Store and just recently gained the funding. He's Bunny Hunt promoter and participant along with promotion of HF operations

Doc Spike Inspirational Award

In 1974, The Radio Club of Tacoma formally recognized the extensive and inspirational leadership of Doctor Clifford J. Spike, who's dedicated and selfless contributions to the Club benefited all.
To insure this legacy, the Club instituted the Doc Spike Inspirational Award which might be awarded to a member who provides inspirational leadership to the Club.

Doc Spike Inspirational Awards Winners:

1974	Spike	Clifford	W7OS
1975	Seligman	Gerald	W7BUN
1976	Wheeler	Marvin	WB7ONX
1977	Haworth	Jack	WB7AJR
1978	Haworth	Jack	WB7AJR
1979	Dightman	Steve	K7SSC
1980	Huntley	Scotty	K7CYZ
1981	Ryan	Dick	W7RGD
1982	Ryan	Dick	W7RGD
1983	Kilgore	Roy	N7BXI
1984	Sutton	Tom	N7DRT
1985	Wheeler	Jean	WA7OII
1986	Wheeler	Jean	WA7OII
1987	Duncan	Irma	W7OVW
1988	Grimes	Newt	WN7L
1989	Seligman	Gerald	W7BUN
1990	Freeman	Jeff	K7JF
1991	Moak	Ken	WA2JQW
1992	Murphy	Shirley	N7QHW
1992	Rosevear	Carl	KB7LIG
1993	Pederson	Ray	W7KFN
1993	Nace	Kathleen	W0EYK
1994	Shimmin	Bill	W7GBC
1995	Kirkreit	Jim	K7YLM
1995	Spindor	Brian	KA7KUZ
1997	Simmons	Lou	KB7WDB
1997	Gurley	Worth	W7WG
1998	Churchill	Al	KC7YGC
1998	David	Pete	KK7QW
1999	Simmons	Nora	KC7JME
2000	Manson	Rich	N7ANF
2001	Guyot	Morel	W6LIX
2002	Robson	John	AC7LK
2003	Palmer	Jill	K7JIL
2004	Root	Ed	KC7OKS
2005	Patrick	Rich	KR7W
2006	Pier	Mick	KK7QS
2006	Winter	Nick	K7MO
2007	Ferguson	Al	N7OMS
2008	Rose,	Rick	KE7EMW
2008	`Watson,	Larry	KD4VOM
2009	` Adams	Harry	W7HSA

Bruce Hanson WE7P

Bruce is a relatively new member, but that hasn't stopped him from becoming a major force in Club operations. Bruce was heavily engaged in the Tube Inventory project, as well as assisting in the property inventory and Hamfest selection project. He served at the Country Store, installed a programmable thermostat and was key to repairing the alarm system. Bruce has also picked up Open House duties and in general has been a ready Elmer to many new members. Bruce was major player in the recent fall maintenance and repair of our facility.

Roger Holme KE7EMV

The past few years, Roger has provided the coffee and snacks at our regular meetings, and the Club Picnic. Roger has been a regular Turkey contributor at the annual Awards Ceremony.

Rick Rose KE7EMW

Rick wears many hats; Vice President, Membership Chair, Hamfest Team, Planning Team, Safety and Security, Bulk Mailing and Awards Banquet manager.

Rick's extensive database provides a great service to the club from detailed membership information to large scale mailings. He sets up and manages the Field Day Safety and Comfort Station, as well as the same station for the Hamfest. A key anchor player in this year's Hamfest, Rick prepared the flyer, and the extensive mailing to vendors and regional hams.

The Clubhouse Maintenance and Remodel Team

The Clubhouse "Little Achievers" are a shy bunch when it comes to being thanked…

Nevertheless… we know that under the charismatic and focused leadership of Al Ferguson — N7OMS, they make good things happen at the Clubhouse: Steve Blacksten AD7VL, Al Churchill AC7BU, Peter David KK7QW, Bruce Hanson WE7P, Bob Heselberg K7MXE, Chuck Kemmer AC7QN, Alan Lentz W7AML, Gary McAdams WG7X, Doug Oakman AD7AV, Rich Patrick KR7W, Robert Purdom AD7LJ, Roddney Saucedo WV7O, Larry Watson KD4VOM, Mrs. Watson, Pat Wingerter Wt7N, Nick Winter K7MO, Harry Wong N7DOE, Bill Wright AD7QI, and Rob Stewart WB7QCS

Bulk Mail Operations —

Behind the scenes every year a small group manages a huge job — Bulk Mail. To conserve limited funds, The Club maintains a Bulk Mail permit

with the USPS. This allows us under some very strict rules and guidelines to conduct large mailings. These projects entail creating and printing letters, booklets, documents, flyers, application or pledge forms and the like, creating and maintaining a mailing list database and printing the labels. Next a small team is assembled to fold letters, stuff envelopes and attach labels in groups defined by the US Postal Service Bulk Mail Rules.

In a typical year our Bulk Mailing operations look something like this:

1. Club Roster (April/May) – 330 approx.
2. Ham Fest (May/June) – 1200 approx.
3. Salmon Run Fundraiser (July/August) – 330 approx.
4. Election Ballots (October) – 308 actual.
5. Annual Survey and Renewal Packets (December/January) – 340 estimated.

Al — AC7BU, Al — K7HW, Rick — KE7EMW, Bruce — WE7P, John — AC7WW, Steve AD7AB and others offered their time to this critical task.

View from the Shack…

You too can contribute and make a difference:

Should you have the inclination, time, talent or just an interest in contributing to the Radio Club of Tacoma's rich 94 year history and legacy, we can use your help.

If there is a program you are interested in, please feel free to contact the manager and let them know you want to participate. They are all in the Membership Booklet…

The author/editor apologizes in advance for any oversight or omission. Recommendations, additions, corrections and inputs were solicited.

Sparky
"A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory."

The Disclaimer…
These articles are intended to browse through recent activities and coming events of possible interest to the Radio Club of Tacoma members. It will of course by design and intent be informal and attempt to record some of the Club's activities that

MUSEUM MUSINGS

News from the Clifford J Doc Spike Museum

By Rich KR7W

The Straight Key Night (AKA: SKN) Celebration will commence in the W7OS Museum this year on Friday, Dec 31, starting at 4:00 PM.

For the new folks in the club… Straight Key Night is an ARRL sponsored operating event where hams are encouraged to get out their old straight keys, remember their Morse code, get on the air using the CW mode, and make some contacts. This event is much like a contest, but very casual. The event runs for 24 hours beginning at 0000 UTC on Jan 1 (which is 4 pm PST, the day before). Some hams take a bit further than just their old straight key… they get out their old equipment from days past, plug their straight key in, and enjoy the warmth and odor of vacuum tubes heating up the dust.

For the last 6 years (or so) Chuck AC7QN and I have hosted SKN in the Doc Spike Museum. We invite you Old Timey Morse enthusiasts to bring their favorite straight key and plug into one of the old stations we have set up. This year's event will be no different. **B**ut **W**ait!! **T**here's **M**ore…

Chuck and I have challenged each other to homebrew parts of a ham station circa 1936. Chuck is building "The Ultimate Regenerative" receiver and I am building a three tube CW transmitter. We are using "breadboard" construction techniques that were popular with hams that didn't have much money. We are using designs originated by Bruce Vaughn, NR5Q, that were published in Electric Radio Magazine over past years. Collecting the needed parts for a 1930s transmitter was a challenging task. As I write this… I can tell you that the power supply is almost finished. Hopefully the transmitter will be completed, tested, and working by the deadline. I cant speak for Chuck's progress… but I am sure he is way ahead of me. By the way… this effort has been dubbed the "Kennewick Proyecht".

Even if the Kennewick station is not finished, the Museum has the old standby rigs available: KR7W's Drake station ca 1961 and the Globescout and HQ120X ca 1955 and 1938. The old Heathkit Apache (ca 1959 and 110 pounds light) is repaired and its 130 watts can warm up the clouds. Hey, that's 1.18 watts per pound.

ca WW2 J-38 Straight Key

Back to SKN info for the new members… Part of the celebration at the RCT clubhouse is the potluck dinner gathering. All club members and their guests are invited to bring some food items to share. If you want to operate the old timey stations, go for it… but you don't have to know Morse code to be there and witness the operation. Most folks think it is a pretty fun event just hanging out with each other. Since this event starts a 4 PM… stop by and hang out for a couple of hours on your way to the NCO club new years party (or wherever you are scheduled to go).

The Museum and Library area has undergone some remodeling. By the time you read this… the harsh fluorescent light will be removed and recessed can lights installed. The goal is to make the two areas less harsh and more inviting. Stop by and check out our progress. So on behalf of the Library and Museum staff (aka the Doc Spike Little Achievers)… we hope to see you at SKN.

BW, TM… read about the Straight Key Building Contest on the next page…

Regards, Rich KR7W.

The Doc Spike Museum Presents...

The WOODEN KEY Building CONTEST

The W7OS Doc Spike Museum Staff is hosting a Wooden Telegraph Key building contest.
The object for the builder is to create a telegraph key made from at least 90 percent wood. Your entry should be wired with a 1/4 inch mono phone plug and be able to send Morse code.

Project entries should be brought to the W7OS Museum's Straight Key Night Celebration on Dec. 31, 2009. Judging takes place at 6:30 PM. Judging criteria will be: Creativeness, Functionality, Appearance, and Morse sending feel.

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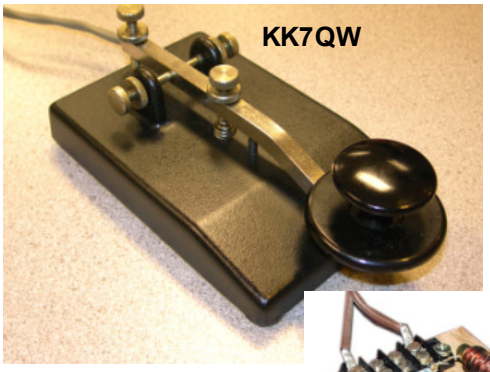
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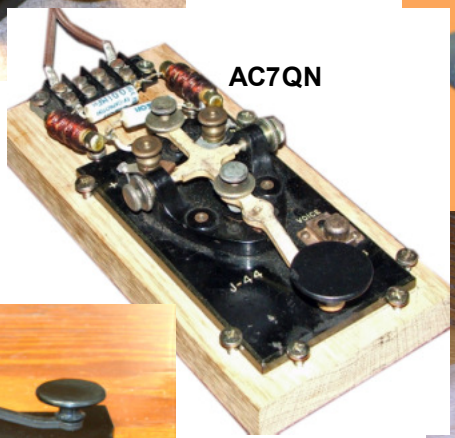
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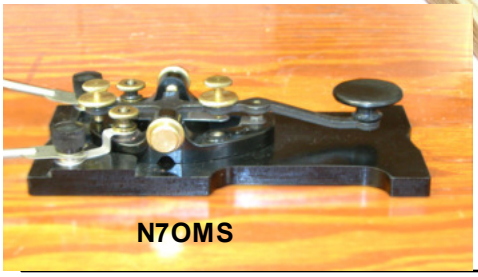
Straight Keys of various RCT members.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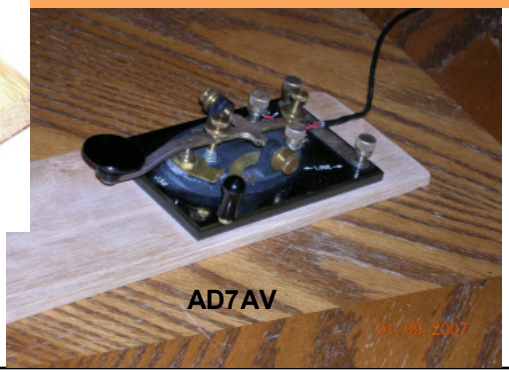
AD7AV

Clifford J "Doc Spike" MUSEUM W7OS

Invites Members and their Guests to the 2009 / 2010

Straight Key Night

Celebration

When: Thursday, Dec 31... approx 3:45 PM to 9:00 PM
Where: RCT Clubhouse
What do I bring?: Food to share, your Straight Key (if you are an old timey CW op)
Why?: to commorate and participate in Amateur Radio as it was in the past. "Celebrate the Begining".
What Else? The Museum will have some Old Timey Vacuum Tube Rigs on the air.
There's More: You don't need to be a CW operator to participate... just show up and have a good time.
And... the Wooden Key Contest. The entries will be judged.

HAPPY HOLIDAY HINTS
FROM DASH! THE DOG-FACED CHRISTMAS HAM
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THOSE MINIATURE BRASS STRAIGHT KEY ORNAMENTS LOOK CUTE AS A BUG ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE...
SO WHY NOT CONTINUE THE THEME WITH AN ADORABLY LIFE-LIKE MINIATURE AMATEUR RADIO BELLY ORNAMENT?
AND WHO CAN RESIST THIS MINIATURE MAKE-A-SPECTACLE-OF-YOURSELF-MOBILE ORNAMENT?
DELIGHT THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH A MINIATURE MISAPPROPRIATED COLLEGE FUND ORNAMENT!
NOTHING SAYS JOYEUX NOEL LIKE A MINIATURE BIG PILE OF RADIO PARTS YOU BOUGHT FOR A PROJECT YOU'LL NEVER FINISH, START OR SO MUCH AS THINK OF EVER AGAIN ONCE THE VAGUELY UNSETTLING MEMORY IS PERMANENTLY ERASED BY YOUR NEXT GLASS OF EGGNOG ORNAMENT.

Seen at left…

Pix taken during the November Sweep Stakes event held at W7DK last month. Pat WT7N at the controls of the "Mighty 'DK" while Harry N7DOE "coaches"! We worked 79 of the available 80 ARRL sections, missing only Delaware..

More pix from the recent ARRL SS event held at the club station. See also the "Soapbox" comments at the ARRL website ARRL.org. Pictured mostly are Pat WT7N, Rich KR7W, Harry N7DOE and Al N7OMS..

Last pix on the bottom right is small reminder that W7OS will be participating in SKN this December 31st!

Be there, or be square!!

Shack 'o the Month: December

… And now for the shack of the month, courtesy of Worth, W7WG.

This is the shack of Paul, W7PAU, a regular on the "Whiskey group". For more information on the "Whiskey Group" see the club website W7DK.org.

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Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

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To RCT Member:

DECEMBER 2009 EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS: Wednesdays December 9th and 23rd at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting: Wednesday December 2nd 7:00 PM at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Support our club: Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz.

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz.